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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *22 March 2004*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-9 and 12-19* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-9 and 12-19* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on April 26, 2004 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims March 24, 2004 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-3, 5-9 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Owen et al (US Patent No. 6,427,194 B1) in view of Dea (US Patent No. 5,469,208) and further in view of Melo et al (US Patent No. 6,040,845).

In considering claim 1, Owen et al discloses all the claimed subject matter, note 1) the claimed receiving a current video frame at a dedicated video input of a core logic chip in the computer system directly from a video source originating the video frame, the

computer system including the core logic chip for directly coupling a processor to a system memory and for coupling the processor and the system memory to a system bus is met by the core logic chipset 190 which has the decoder/encoder 80 and coupled to a processor (Central Processing Unit or CPU) 152, peripherals such as a hard disk drive 164 and a Digital Versatile Disk (DVD) CD-ROM 166, a bus such as a PCI bus 170, the arbiter 82 and the main memory 168 (Figs. 3 and 4, col. 9, line 53 to col. 12, line 23), 2) the claimed storing the difference frame in directly from the core logic chip to the system memory in the computer system via a dedicated memory interface therebetween is met by the main memory 168 (Figs. 3 and 4, col. 9, line 53 to col. 12, line 23), and 3) the claimed the processor retrieving the difference frame directly from the system memory via the core logic chip using a dedicated processor interface therebetween to complete compression of the video data is met by a processor (Central Processing Unit or CPU) 152 (Figs. 3 and 4, col. 9, line 53 to col. 12, line 23).

However, Owen et al explicitly do not disclose: 1) the claimed computing at the core logic chip a difference frame from the current video frame and a previous video frame as the current video frame streams into the dedicated video input of the core logic chip the difference frame including computing the difference frame in the core logic chip within the computer system, and 2) the claimed wherein the core logic chip is a north bridge chip.

1) Dea teaches that a frame subtraction is performs in difference block 220 when compression/decompression accelerator 120 performs motion estimation encoding, in the subtraction of frame difference block 220, the information of reference frame line

209 is subtracted from the current frame information on current frame line 205, the difference between the reference frame data of line 209 and the current frame data of line 205 is then provided for encoding at the output of frame difference block 220 (Fig. 2, col. 5, line 24 to col. 10, line 21). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the compression/decompression accelerator which has frame difference block 220 as taught by Dea into Owen et al's system in order to provide the hardware circuitry for performing video encoding and decoding operation.

2) Melo et al teach that using conventional master/slave nomenclature, the graphics accelerator can be considered an AGP compliant master, the north bridge, and specifically, the memory controller or core logic within the north bridge can be partially considered as an AGP compliant target (Fig. 1, col. 1, line 47 to col. 2, line 32 and col. 4, lines 18-65).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention to incorporate accelerator (core logic unit) with the teaching of graphic accelerator that is provided either at the North bridge chip for the stated advantage as taught by Melo et al into Owen et al's system in order to achieve MIPS (millions of instructions per second) without substantially loading the PCI (peripheral component interface).

In considering claim 2, the claimed including storing the current video frame in the system memory in the computer system is met by the main memory 168 (Fig. 4, col. 10, line 22 to col. 11, line 59 of Owen et al).

In considering claim 3, the claimed wherein the current video frame is written over a previous video frame in the system memory is met by the region 22' of the main memory 168 (Fig. 4, col. 10, line 22 to col. 11, line 59 of Owen et al).

In considering claim 5, the claimed wherein computing the difference frame includes computing a difference between a block of data from the current video frame and a block of data from the previous video frame is met by the frame difference block 220 (Fig. 2, col. 5, line 24 to col. 10, line 21 of Dea).

In considering claim 6, the claimed wherein storing the difference frame in memory includes storing the difference frame in the system memory using block transfers is met by the region 22' of the main memory 168 (Fig. 4, col. 10, line 22 to col. 11, line 59 of Owen et al).

In considering claim 7, the claimed including compressing the video data using the difference frame to produce compressed video data is met by the compression/decompression accelerator 120 (Fig. 2, col. 5, line 24 to col. 10, line 21 of Dea).

In considering claim 8, the claimed including performing a color space conversion on the video data is met by the graphics accelerator (with video scaler and color space converter) 200 (Fig. 3, col. 9, line 53 to col. 10, line 22 of Owen et al).

In considering claim 9, the system of Owen et al, Dea and Melo et al discloses the claimed invention as discussed in claim 1 above, except for providing the claimed including using the video data in compressed form in a video teleconferencing system. Since examiner takes Official Notices that it is notoriously well-known in the art for the

usage of the compressed video data form in a teleconference system, whereof the compressed video data format transmission provides the benefit of bandwidth conservation on the communication linking medium. Therefore it is submitted that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement the system of Owen et al, Dea and Melo et al accordingly in order to facilitated the video teleconferencing and to make efficient use of the bandwidth on the communication link.

In considering claim 12, the claimed wherein computing the difference frame includes computing the difference frame in circuitry outside of a central processing unit in the computer system is met by the compression/decompression accelerator 120 (Fig. 2, col. 5, line 24 to col. 10, line 21 of Dea).

5. Claims 4 and 13-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Owen et al (US Patent No. 6,427,194 B1) in view of Dea (US Patent No. 5,469,208), Melo et al (US Patent No. 6,040,845), and further in view of Abramatic et al (US Patent No. 4,546,383).

In considering claim 4, the combination of Owen et al, Dea and Melo et al disclose all the limitations of the instant invention as discussed in claim 1 above, except for providing the claimed wherein computing the difference frame includes computing an exclusive-OR between the current video frame and the previous video frame. Abramatic et al. teaches that a form of image compression consists the detecting variations (difference) between one image and the next one as described at column 2, lines 53-56. Abramatic et al. discloses the claimed step of computing an exclusive-OR between the

current video frame and the previous video frame as met by the description at column 6, lines 52-58, whereof the described previous image at the input 55 and the arrival of new points at the input 57 which are respectively considered as the previous and current video frame.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one have ordinary skilled in the art at the time the invention to incorporate XOR function for the difference calculation as taught by Abramatic et al into the combination of Owen et al, Dea and Melo et al' system in order to providing a less complicated means for the difference calculation techniques as elucidate at column 7, lines 32-35 of Abramatic et al.

In considering claim 13, Owen et al discloses all the claimed subject matter, note 1) the claimed receiving a current video frame at a dedicated video input of a core logic chip in the computer system directly from a video source originating the video frame, the computer system including the core logic chip for directly coupling a processor to a system memory and for coupling the processor and the system memory to a system bus is met by the core logic chipset 190 which has the decoder/encoder 80 and coupled to a processor (Central Processing Unit or CPU) 152, peripherals such as a hard disk drive 164 and a Digital Versatile Disk (DVD) CD-ROM 166, a bus such as a PCI bus 170, the arbiter 82 and the main memory 168 (Figs. 3 and 4, col. 9, line 53 to col. 12, line 23), 2) the claimed storing the difference frame in directly from the core logic chip into the system memory in the computer system via a dedicated memory interface therebetween is met by the main memory 168 (Figs. 3 and 4, col. 9, line 53 to col. 12, line 23), 3) the claimed storing the current video frame in directly from the core logic

chip into the system memory in the computer system using a dedicated processor interface therebetween is met by a processor interface154 of the core logic chipset (Figs. 3 and 4, col. 9, line 53 to col. 12, line 23), 4) the claimed the processor retrieving the difference frame directly from the system memory via the core logic chip is met by a processor (Central Processing Unit or CPU) 152 (Figs. 3 and 4, col. 9, line 53 to col. 12, line 23), and 5) the claimed compressing the video data using the difference frame to produce compressed video data the decoder/encoder 80 (Figs. 3 and 4, col. 9, line 53 to col. 12, line 23).

However, Owen et al explicitly do not disclose: 1) the claimed computing at the core logic chip a difference frame from the current video frame and a previous video frame as the current video frame streams into the dedicated video input of the core logic chip, 2) the claimed wherein the core logic chip is a north bridge chip, and 3) the claimed the difference frame including computing an exclusive-OR between the current video frame and the previous video frame, and wherein computing the difference frame includes computing the difference frame in the core logic chip within the computer system.

1) Dea teaches that a frame subtraction is performs in difference block 220 when compression/decompression accelerator 120 performs motion estimation encoding, in the subtraction of frame difference block 220, the information of reference frame line 209 is subtracted from the current frame information on current frame line 205, the difference between the reference frame data of line 209 and the current frame data of line 205 is then provided for encoding at the output of frame difference block 220 (Fig.

2, col. 5, line 24 to col. 10, line 21). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the compression/decompression accelerator which has frame difference block 220 as taught by Dea into Owen et al's system in order to provide the hardware circuitry for performing video encoding and decoding operation.

2) Melo et al teach that using conventional master/slave nomenclature, the graphics accelerator can be considered an AGP compliant master, the north bridge, and specifically, the memory controller or core logic within the north bridge can be partially considered as an AGP compliant target (Fig. 1, col. 1, line 47 to col. 2, line 32 and col. 4, lines 18-65). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention to incorporate accelerator (core logic unit) with the teaching of graphic accelerator that is provided either at the North bridge chip for the stated advantage as taught by Melo et al into Owen et al's system in order to achieve MIPS (millions of instructions per second) without substantially loading the PCI (peripheral component interface).

3) Abramatic et al. teaches that a form of image compression consists the detecting variations (difference) between one image and the next one as described at column 2, lines 53-56. Abramatic et al. discloses the claimed step of computing an exclusive-OR between the current video frame and the previous video frame as met by the description at column 6, lines 52-58, whereof the described previous image at the input 55 and the arrival of new points at the input 57 which are respectively considered as the previous and current video frame.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one have ordinary skilled in the art at the time the invention to incorporate XOR function for the difference calculation as taught by Abramatic et al into the combination of Owen et al, Dea and Melo et al' system in order to providing a less complicated means for the difference calculation techniques as elucidate at column 7, lines 32-35 of Abramatic et al.

In considering claim 14, the claimed wherein the current video frame is written over a previous video frame in the system memory is met by the region 22' of the main memory 168 (Fig. 4, col. 10, line 22 to col. 11, line 59 of Owen et al).

In considering claim 15, the claimed wherein computing the difference frame includes computing a difference between a block of data from the current video frame and a block of data from the previous video frame is met by the frame difference block 220 (Fig. 2, col. 5, line 24 to col. 10, line 21 of Dea).

In considering claim 16, the claimed wherein storing the difference frame in system memory includes storing the difference frame in the system memory using block transfers is met by the region 22' of the main memory 168 (Fig. 4, col. 10, line 22 to col. 11, line 59 of Owen et al).

In considering claim 17, the system of Owen et al, Dea, Melo et al and Abramatic et al discloses the claimed invention as discussed in claim 13 above, except for providing the claimed including using the video data in compressed form in a video teleconferencing system. Since examiner takes Official Notices that it is notoriously well-known in the art for the usage of the compressed video data form in a teleconference system, whereof the compressed video data format transmission

provides the benefit of bandwidth conservation on the communication linking medium. Therefore it is submitted that it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement the system of Owen et al, Dea, Melo et al and Abramatic et al accordingly in order to facilitated the video teleconferencing and to make efficient use of the bandwidth on the communication link.

In considering claim 18, the claimed including performing a color space conversion on the video data is met by the graphics accelerator (with video scaler and color space converter) 200 (Fig. 3, col. 9, line 53 to col. 10, line 22 of Owen et al).

In considering claim 19, the claimed including storing instructions and data for the computer system in the system memory is met by the main memory 168 (Fig. 4, col. 10, line 22 to col. 11, line 59 of Owen et al).

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Trang U. Tran whose telephone number is (703) 305-0090. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM, Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on (703) 305-4795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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